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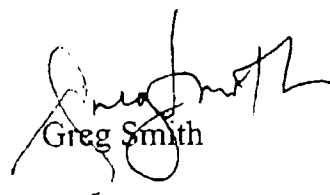
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Finally, after three long years, the Department of Justice has decided to end its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. This is good news for the business community and the economy as a whole, because Microsoft affects so much of the economy.

Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. Microsoft has also agreed to disclose and document, for use by its competitors, various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust settlement. Microsoft did not get off easily. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator

The company agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit - for the sake of wrapping up the suit. Enough is enough. I support the settlement, and anticipate a swift end to this lawsuit.

Sincerely,



Greg Smith